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To oblige Printers of Linens to mark their Names on Linens printed by them, and to further regulate the removal of Printed Linens from *Ireland* to *Great Britain*.

WHEREAS by reason of an Act passed in this present Session of Parliament, intituled, "An Act to repeal the Duties "and Drawbacks on Printed Calicoes, Linens and Stuffs," the Excise and other marks required on Printed Linens, Calicoes and Stuffs, whereby the Printers thereof could be known and ascertained, will be discontinued; and it is necessary, in consequence, that Provision should be made to protect Manufacturers and Printers of Linens in the possession and enjoyment of Patterns invented and used by them, and to enable them to detect persons who may infringe their rights to the same: Preamble.

And whereas by the said recited Act the Duties on Calicoes, Linens, Muslins and Stuffs, printed, painted, stained or dyed in *Great Britain*, are made to cease on the First day of March one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one; but the Duties on Printed Calicoes, Linens, Muslins and Stuffs, removed from *Ireland* into *Great Britain*, are continued until the First day of June one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one; and provision is made that from the said first day of June, all Printed Calicoes, Linens, Muslins and Stuffs removed from *Ireland* to *Great Britain* shall be accompanied with a certificate; and it has been found expedient that the Duties on Calicoes, Linens, Muslins and Stuffs, printed, painted, stained or dyed in *Ireland*, and

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removed from thence into *Great Britain*, should cease and determine before the said first day of June;

May it therefore please Your MAJESTY,

That it may be Enacted; **And be it Enacted**, by The KING's most Excellent MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, THAT every Printer of Calicoes, Linens, Muslins and Stuffs shall, before he shall begin to print any piece of calico, linen, muslin or stuff, or before he shall send the same away from his field-works or premises where the same shall be printed, mark the same (except such as shall be stained or dyed throughout of one colour only) at both ends thereof with a frame or mark containing in words at length his name, or if in partnership with any person or persons the name or style of the partnership, and the name of the field-works or premises where such calicoes, linens, muslins or stuffs shall be printed, painted, stained or dyed; and every Printer, Painter, Stainer or Dyer who shall send away from his field-works or premises any printed, painted, stained or dyed Calicoes, Linens, Muslins or Stuffs (except such as shall be stained or dyed throughout of one colour only) without such marks on both ends of each piece thereof, shall forfeit for every piece so sent away Ten pounds; and every Draper or dealer in printed, painted, stained or dyed Calicoes, Linens, Muslins or Stuffs, in whose possession any printed, painted, stained or dyed Calicoes, Linens, Muslins or Stuffs shall be found without such marks thereon at both ends thereof if in a whole piece, or if cut or divided, without having the said marks on one end thereof, except such as shall be dyed throughout of one colour only, shall forfeit Ten pounds.

Printers of Linens, &c. to mark their Names on Goods printed by them.

And be it further Enacted, That every Printer, Painter, Stainer or Dyer of Calicoes, Linens, Muslins or Stuffs, and every other person who shall forge or counterfeit the frame or mark of any other printer, painter, stainer or dyer, or any impression thereof, or the name of any printer, painter, stainer or dyer, on any printed, painted, stained or dyed Calicoes, Linens, Muslins or Stuffs, or who shall sell, send out or dispose of any printed Calicoes, Linens, Muslins or Stuffs, with such counterfeit impression or name thereon, shall forfeit Fifty pounds.

Penalty on forging the Marks or Names of Printers.

And be it further Enacted, That the said Penalties may be sued for and recovered in His Majesty's Courts of Exchequer in *England*, *Scotland* or *Ireland*, respectively, or by Information before any two or more of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, and shall, when recovered, be applied, one moiety thereof to the use of His Majesty, and the other moiety to the person who shall sue for the same.

Penalties how to be recovered.

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And be it further Enacted, That from and after the First day of March One thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, the Duties on Calicoes, Linens, Muslins and Stuffs printed, painted, stained or dyed in *Ireland*, and removed from *Ireland* into *Great Britain*, shall cease and determine; and if any such Duties shall have been charged and paid on any such goods brought into *Great Britain* from *Ireland* since the said First day of March, the same shall be returned, under such rules and regulations as the Commissioners of Excise shall direct: Provided always, That all arrears of the said duties, and all penalties and forfeitures in respect thereof, incurred before the said First day of March One thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, may be sued for and recovered as if this Act had not been passed.

Duties on Linens, &c. printed in Ireland, and removed into Great Britain, to cease on 1st March 1831.

And be it further Enacted, That so much of the said recited Act as requires that from the First day of June One thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, all printed Calicoes, Linens, Muslins and Stuffs removed from *Ireland* into *Great Britain* shall be accompanied with a Certificate from the printer thereof; and the provisions, penalties and forfeitures relating thereto, shall commence and take effect and be put in force from the said First day of March One thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, instead of from the First day of June One thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, any thing in the said recited Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Goods to be accompanied with Certificate after 1st March.

AND whereas it may happen that Goods may unknowingly and without fraud have been sent and may be sent from *Ireland* after the said First day of March and before the passing of this Act, without such Certificate as by the said Act is required, and it is necessary to provide for the security of the same; BE it further Enacted, That where any printed, painted, stained or dyed Calicoes, Linens, Muslins or Stuffs, printed, painted, stained or dyed in *Ireland*, shall have been or shall be brought after the said First day of March One thousand eight hundred and thirty-one from *Ireland* into *Great Britain*, the Commissioners of Excise may admit the same to be brought in free of any duty or forfeiture thereof, on proof to the satisfaction of the said Commissioners that the said Calicoes, Linens, Muslins or Stuffs were really and truly printed, painted, stained or dyed in *Ireland*, and that no part thereof had been removed from *Great Britain* into *Ireland*, and that such certificate was not wilfully or designedly neglected or omitted, and on the consignee thereof, or his agent, making such declaration as is by the said recited Act required.

Commmissioners of Excise may admit Goods brought into Great Britain from Ireland without Certificate, on proof of being Irish Goods.

And be it further Enacted, That this Act may be altered, amended or repealed by any Act or Acts to be made in this present Session of Parliament.

Act may be amended.

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